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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SEAFOOD CONSULTANT

1. FDA HAS INITIATED LEGAL ACTION IN TEXAS AGAINST MANUEL A. SANCHEZ, JR. DBA PROGRESSIVE SEA PRODUCTS, INC. BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. TRIAL IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12, 1976. THE INDICTMENT INCLUDES COUNTS OF ILLEGAL ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH FROG LEGS ORIGINALLY IMPORTED FROM INDIA AND DETAINED BECAUSE OF BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION. IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, SANCHEZ CLAIMED:

A. U.S. STATE DEPT. (AID) ARRANGED FOR 3 YEAR CONTRACT FOR HIM TO ASSIST GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO UPGRADE ITS SHRIMP AND FROGLEG INDUSTRY. CONTRACT ALLEGED TO BEGIN IN 1970.

B. FUNDING WAS WITH COOLEY FUNDS.

C. CONTRACT CALLED FOR 4 TRIPS OF 1 TO 2 MONTHS DURATION ANNUALLY.

2. VERIFICATION OR DENIAL OF THESE STATEMENTS MAY BEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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